



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Marcus MARANHÃO

Serial No.: 09/608,477

Filed: June 30, 2000

For: TRANSMISSION OF DIGITIZED  
VOICE, VOICEBAND DATA, AND  
PHONE SIGNALING OVER A  
PRIORITY-BASED LOCAL AREA  
NETWORK WITHOUT USE OF  
VOICE OVER IP TECHNIQUES  
AND/OR A SEPARATE VOICE-  
DEDICATED NETWORK

) Confirmation Number: 2232

) Group Art Unit: 2665

) Examiner: Steven H. D. Nguyen

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, for which the shortened statutory period for response runs until April 26, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow starting at page 7.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

On April 26, 2005 By

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